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3 March 1954

Memorandum for: The Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Request for Permission to Testify Before
a Congressional Committee.

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    1. On 2 March I received a call from Mr. McManus, of the staff of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, to request that we make _____ available for discussions with the Subcommittee staff and possible testimony before the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee is investigating allegations of wartime destruction of G-2 and ONI files on the Communist Party and its members.

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    2. During 1944 _____ was an aide to Cordell Hull, then Secretary of State, including liaison with the Department's Security Office. In the course of those duties he was informed by_____ _____ then on the State Department Security staff, that the latter had been informed "within the hour" that an order had been signed in the Department of the Army directing the destruction of these files. Mr. _____ brought this matter to the immediate attention of the Secretary of State, who discussed it with General John Hull, then Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations Division.

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    3. _____ requires that no CIA employee give testimony before a Committee of Congress without prior written authorization from the Director. _____ is an inspector in the Inspection Division of the CIA Security Office, and Mr. _____ the Deputy Security Officer, informed me that they have no objection to _____ complying with the Subcommittee request to appear. Mr. _____ has been cautioned not to discuss any phase of his current assignment with the Subcommittee, and, in view of the fact that his duties include overseas assignments, I will request the Subcommittee not to include in its public record any mention of _____ affiliation with CIA.

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    4. It is recommended that you authorize _____ appearance in compliance with the Internal Security Subcommittee's request.

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CONCUR: Date 3 March 1954

Signed A. W. Dulles
Allen W. Dulles
Director

/s/ Walter L. Pforzheimer
Legislative Counsel

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